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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No. 2013-298-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and supports the filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on August 30, 2017, in the above referenced Docket. The Company requests that the Commission approve DEC's proposed modifications to its Residential HVAC Energy Efficiency Program – Air Conditioning ("HVAC-EE Program"), modifications to its Residential Energy Efficient Appliances and Devices Program ("Appliances and Devices Program"), and the discontinuation of its Residential HVAC Energy Efficiency Program- Tune and Seal ("Tune and Seal").

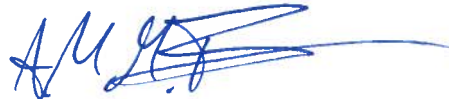
Regarding the HVAC-EE Program, DEC requests to rename it "Residential Service – Smart Saver Energy Efficiency Program" ("Smart Saver"), eliminate the existing tier structure for HVAC incentives, and remove incentives for HVAC devices with a SEER of less than 15. In addition, the Company seeks to move the high efficiency heat pump water heater and pool pump measures from the Appliance and Devices Program to the new Residential Smart Saver Program.

Regarding the Tune and Seal Program, the Company requests to discontinue HVAC tune up and duct installation measures, move all remaining Tune and Seal measures to the new Residential Smart Saver Program, and terminate the Tune and Seal Program.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



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